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FOLLOWING REPEAT BERLIN 2746 ACTION SECSTATE APR 20

QUOTE S E C R E T BERLIN 02746

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DEPT PASS AMEMBASSY BONN AND USMISSION USBERLIN

E.O.11652: GDS

TAGS: GE, GW

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE PRISONER EXCHANGE INVOLVING ALAN VAN
NORMAN

REF: STATE 101011

1. GDR LAWYER VOGEL LATE AFTERNOON APRIL 19 TELEPHONED
DCM, WHOM HE HAD MET AT SEVERAL RECEPTIONS, TO STATE THAT
MRS. VOGEL WISHED TO VISIT EMBASSY APRIL 20 IN CONNECTION
WITH A VISA APPLICATION FOR VOGEL. MRS. VOGEL MORNING
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APRIL 20 DELIVERED VISA APPLICATION AND IT WAS AGREED
SHE WOULD PICK UP VISA APRIL 24 (VOGELS WILL BE OUT OF
TOWN UNTIL THEN). DISCUSSION CONCERNED ONLY VISA APPLI-
CATION AND PICKUP.

2. RE PARA 8 OF REFTTEL, EMBASSY HAS NOT YET RECEIVED
ORIGINAL CLEMENCY PETITION BUT IS PREPARED TO PROCEED

AS INSTRUCTED IF DEPT. WISHES.

3. RE PARAS 6 AND 10 OF REFTTEL, THOMPSON-VAN NORMAN
TURNOVER AT CHECKPOINT CHARLIE COULD RESULT IN PUBLIC
NOTICE, AND THEREFORE WE THINK THIS ALTERNATIVE SHOULD
BE AVOIDED IF AT ALL POSSIBLE. WE ARE INCLINED TO THINK
THAT USE OF FRIEDRICHSTRASSE STATION WOULD BE BEST APPROACH
IN THAT IT LEAST LIKELY TO ATTRACT PUBLIC ATTENTION, AND
VAN NORMAN AND ANYONE WHO MIGHT ACCOMPANY HIM COULD DETRAIN
UNCHECKED AND UNNOTICED AT APPROPRIATE STOP IN WEST
BERLIN. USE OF VOGEL'S CAR COULD RESULT IN ITS OCCUPANTS
BEING CHECKED BY WEST BERLIN CUSTOMOFFICIALS AND THERE-
FORE PROBABLY NOT DESIRABLE. BOLEM UNQUOTE CHRISTOPHER

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